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SUBJECT: FONMIN KARKI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 76367

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI VISITED WASHINGTON APRIL 18-21 PRIOR DEPARTING U.S. FOR BONN AND RETURN TO KATHMANDU. KARKI MET FOR GOLF WITH DEP SEC RUSH AS SCHEDULED APRIL 19. FOURSOME ALSO INCLUDED UNDERSECRETARY SISCO AND AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE MCCLOSKEY.

2. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED BY ASST SECY LAISE, THORNTON (S/P), COUNTRY DIRECTOR LAINGEN, AND COUNTRY OFFICER LORTON AT INFORMAL DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR KHANAL FOR KARKI APRIL 19. KARKI SEEMED VERY PLEASED WITH GOLF MATCH. COMMENTS BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION AND HIS APPRECIATION OF OPPORTUNITY MEET SENIOR OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENT.

3. AT DINNER KARKI INDICATED HE HOPES CALL FORMALLY
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ON SECRETARY DURING FALL UNGA SESSION. HE APPARENTLY

ALSO NOTED TO EMBASSY STAFF POSSIBILITY HE MAY ATTEND
CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE IN JUNE.

4. KARKI SPENT APRIL 20 SIGHTSEEING IN WILLIAMSBURG AND
ATTENDING CIRCUS PERFORMANCE. HIS GUIDE WAS MILITARY

ATTACHE THAPA, WHO IS RELATIVE (KARKI'S MOTHER IS
THAPA'S GRANDFATHER'S SISTER) AND CLOSE FRIEND.

5. KARKI LEFT WASHINGTON APRIL 21 FOR BONN WHERE HE
PLANNED SPEND A FEW DAYS PRIOR RETURN KATHMANDU. WHILE
THERE HE EXPECTS HAVE ROUTINE MEDICAL EXAM. KISSINGER

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